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SUBJ: ICAO - STATE LETTER ON SECURITY MEASURES RESULTING FROM
US/ISRAEL PAPERS (CWP/6152)

1. AT COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 17 RE ITEM 1, PRES COUNCIL OPENED DISCUSSION ASKING FOR INITIAL DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SEND STATE LETTER. YUGO REP IMMEDIATELY INTERVENED WITH VERY FAVORABLE STATEMENT BASED PRIMARILY ON FACT THAT HE HAD BEEN AWAY DURING COUNCIL MEETING ON ISRAEL/US PAPERS, AND WISHES NOW TO MAKE HIS POSITION CLEAR. THIS STATEMENT LED DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S DETERMINING THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO SENDING LETTER AND DISCUSSION OF TEXT BEGAN.

2. FIRST FOUR PARAS (PAGES 2 AND 3 OF WP) ACCEPTED WITH EDITORIAL CHANGES. LONG DISCUSSION LAST PARA RESULTED IN FOLLOWING: (A) LAST SENTENCE DELETED ENTIRELY AND ESSENCE WAS INSERTED IN 5TH LINE AFTER WORDS "SECURITY MANUAL (COMMA)": "WHICH IS INTENDED TO ASSIST STATES IN DEVELOPING THEIR PLANS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS". (B) A PROPOSAL BY FRG RESULTED IN ADDITION OF NEW SENTENCE FOLLOWING THE INSERTION DESCRIBED IN (A). IT READS, "COUNCIL ALSO INVITES CONTRACTING STATES TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR EXISTING SECURITY MEASURES, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO ANY NEW MANIFESTATIONS OF THE THREAD". (C) REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH PRESENTED IN PARA 2 OF CWP/6152, COUNCIL

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DECIDED TO INCLUDE IT BUT DELETED THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE STATE LETTER: "THE COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARIAT IN THEIR CONTINUING TASK OF KEEPING UPDATED ICAO SECURITY MATERIAL, WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORTS AND ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT STATES CONCERNED IN INCIDENTS OF UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE PROVIDE TO THE ORGANIZATION (PERIOD)."

3. FYI: THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING DISCUSSION HAD TO DO WITH (A) ORIGINAL FRG PROPOSAL WHICH READ, "...PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO ANY THREAT POSED BY NEW WEAPONS NORMALLY USED BY MILITARY FORCES ONLY". COUNCIL OBJECTED STRENUOUSLY AND PRES SUGGESTED ALTERNATE LANGUAGE WHICH WAS FINALLY ADOPTED. (B) USSR SUGGESTED DELETION LAST SENTENCE PARA 5 BECAUSE HE AND OTHERS FELT THAT REQUESTING STATES TO FAMILIARIZE THEIR OWN PERSONNEL WITH THEIR OWN INTERNAL MEASURES AND PLANS WAS PRESUMPTUOUS. (C) MOST OBJECTIONS TO NEW PARA GIVEN IN PARA 2/WP STEMMED FROM BELIEF THAT ALL OF THIS HAPPENS ANYWAY AND CONCERNS THE INTERNAL WORKINGS OF THE COUNCIL. REGARDING THE LAST PHRASE THERE WAS CONCERN THAT "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION'S" WOULD HAVE TO BE DEFINED (A VERY GOOD POINT). THE USSR REP TOLD USREP BEFORE MEETING THAT HE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THIS SENTENCE, ESP "REPORTS FROM STATES". END FYI.

4. IN OPINION USREP CHANGES IMPROVE THE LETTER SUBSTANTIALLY AS WELL AS EDITORIALLY AND IT APPEARS TO BE A VERY GOOD PRESENTATION. ISRAEL AMB MERON AND CONGEN ARAN ATTENDED MEETING BUT MADE ONLY MINOR INTERVENTION. USREP TALKED WITH AMB AFTER MEETING AND FOUND HIM TO BE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH OUTCOME AND EXCEEDINGLY GRATEFUL FOR MISSION'S EFFORTS.

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